

**EMT-1 REGULATORY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2002
EMS Authority
Sacramento, CA**

I. Introductions

Self-introductions were made. The Task Force was advised that Bob Cordray has accepted a position with another state department and is no longer on the Task Force. Sean introduced Michael Conley who works in the Personnel Standards Unit and will be helping Sean Trask with Task Force duties.

MEMBERS PRESENT	EMSA STAFF PRESENT	ALTERNATES PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	ALTERNATES ABSENT
Elaine Dethlefsen Pat Kramm Tom McGinnis Debbie Meier John Pritting Veronica Shepardson Luann Underwood Kevin White Todd Wilhoyte	Sean Trask Michael Conley	Bruce Kenagy Guests Fred Claridge	Nancy Casazza Ray Casillas Donna Ferracone Bruce Haynes Debi Moffat Byron Parsons Dan Paxton Marco Randazzo Bob Repar Susan Smith John Tysell	Patrick Brown Jean English David Nevins Debbie Notturmo Karen Petrilla

II. Minutes

Approve with the following change: Delete item IV A e and discuss further after the Joint EMT-I and Paramedic Task Forces Meeting in October.

III. Agenda

Approved with the following change: Move Task Force Objectives to Old Business and add CE discussion to New Business

IV. Old Business:

A. EMT-I Certification Examination:

EMT Certification Exam – Letters from NR, Chauncey and NR's legal council. The Task force members discussed the concern about the first time pass rates with the NR exam. Ventura County is experiencing a low first time pass rate for their EMT-Is.

The discussion then turned to a content valid exam for California. A Task Force member shared with the group that Florida is having discussions comparing a state developed exam which would be content validated and the NR. Kevin White suggests that EMSA ask AG's office if the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures applies to the EMT-I certification examination. The Task Force members in attendance agreed forward a letter to Richard Watson, from the EMT-I Task Force, which refers the selection of a single, statewide standard EMT-I test to him. The Task Force Members present wish to include the following points in the letter:

1. To Richard Watson
2. List both options:
 - a. Chauncey
 - b. National Registry
3. List the strengths and weaknesses of both:

- a. Include logistics (contracts, who administers, etc)
4. State that the field has been narrowed to two organizations
5. How the examination will be operationalized
6. Impasse issues:
 - a. State cert. Vs National cert (job analysis)
 - b. Reciprocity
 - c. Testing in non-scope of practice items

On a separate note, the Task Force members present recommended sending a letter to Vision, to recommend a job analysis for all levels of EMS Personnel for the upcoming state EMS plan.

On another note, the Task Force members present recommended sending a letter to the two testing vendors explaining that the matter has been referred to the director.

The Task Force members present set a deadline of Friday, September 13, 2002 for members to submit any suggestions for this letter going to the Director. Once the letter is drafted, it will be sent out on the list server for the Task Force members to review and comment on.

B. EMT-I Scope of Practice:

Section 100063 (b) – Suggested that this sub-section be referred to the Interfacility Task Force for review. Send a letter to Bonnie Sinz, staff lead for the IFT, stating that the EMT-I task force does not have recommended changes to the 100063 (b) but is waiting for feedback from the IFT.

Kevin White recommends using Bruce Haynes comment, “assistance should include actually taking the medication and injecting it if the patient is immobilized by the condition for which it is prescribed...” And move this sub-section (b)(5) to the basic scope of practice, sub-section 100063 (a) and look at additional language changes.

The Task Force members present suggested sending a letter to Bruce Haynes regarding endotracheal intubation and refer to the Hayward EMT-I study and ask for the evidence for EMDAC’s opinion to support EMDAC’s opposition to allowing EMT-I’s to perform endotracheal intubation.

Pat Kramm suggested adding Magill Forceps for removal of foreign body airway obstruction to the Optional Skills section of the regulations.

Blood glucose testing – the Task Force members present agreed not to add blood glucose testing to the EMT-I scope of practice, considered to be covered under assist paramedic with setup of ALS procedures.

V. New Business

A. Review of Task Force Objectives

1. Objective #1 – Enhancements to the National Standard Curriculum have not been identified and will be eliminated from this objective. The members present agreed to delete the step to bridge one level of education to another. The only step left in this objective is to review the hours/requirements for program approval.
2. Objective #2 – the members present agreed to allow the decision for selection of the EMT-I certification exam to be made by the Director of the EMS Authority.
3. Objective #3 – the members present agreed that the objective to standardize the EMT-I accreditation process is complete.
4. Objective #4 – this objective needs to address two steps, the first is out-of-state certifications and the second is the criteria for denial of EMT-I certification. The out-of-state reciprocity will be discussed later. The Task Force is waiting for the Denial/Revocation Standards developed by the Paramedic Task Force to become effective and to refer to those standards in the EMT-I regulations.
5. Objective #5 – The Task Force is waiting for the Paramedic Task Force to address the continuing education topic and hold a joint 2-day meeting.
6. Objective #6 – This objective has been met by adopting the National Standard Curriculum.

7. Objective #7 – This objective has been met. The Task Force has agreed to the training program staff requirements and qualifications.
8. Objective #8 – The optional/expanded scope of practice is pending feedback by the constituent groups.

B. CE Discussion:

1. The Task Force members present discussed a number of items that they wish to discuss at the Joint EMT-I and Paramedic Task Force Meeting in October.

C. Discussion:

1. Next meeting will be a two day meeting on October 1 and 2, 2002 and will be held at the Burbank Holiday Inn. The meetings will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on both days.

Recorder: Sean Trask